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Reply Serial No.

S-ICAC001

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

(Question Serial No. S0097)

<u>Head</u>: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead(No. & title): Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Corruption Prevention, (2) Operations, (3) Preventive Education,

(4) Enlisting Support

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Simon YL PEH

Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

As stated in the Reply Serial No. ICAC015 of the Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15, in the past 3 years, the ICAC was approved by the Government Records Service (GRS) to destroy 57 administrative records. Please inform this Council on:

- 1. the names of those records;
- 2. the dates on which those records were established;
- 3. the dates on which those records were closed.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

As part of the contents of the 57 administrative records contain confidential information, it is not appropriate for the Commission to reveal the details of those records on grounds of confidentiality. The earliest date of creation and last date of closing of those 57 records are 13 March 1968 and 31 March 2012 respectively.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ICAC002

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

(Question Serial No. S0098)

<u>Head</u>: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead(No. & title): Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Simon YL PEH

Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

As stated in the Reply Serial No. ICAC015, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) is negotiating with the Government Records Service (GRS) over 91 programme records covering the period of 1946-1977. Please inform this Council of

- 1. the names of those records:
- 2. the dates on which those records were created and closed;
- 3. the main points being negotiated with the GRS and the reason for not yet transferring those records to the GRS?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

As part of the contents of the 91 programme records of 1946-1977, currently under negotiation between the ICAC and the GRS, contain confidential information, it is not appropriate for the Commission to reveal the details of those records on grounds of confidentiality. The earliest date of creation and last date of closing of those 91 records are 31 December 1946 and 23 September 1999 respectively. The GRS will continue to appraise the records and inform the Commission whether the records concerned have archival value and are required to be transferred to the GRS, or approval will be given for their destruction by the ICAC. The ICAC will make every effort to meet the GRS requirements in the negotiation process on the condition that there is no violation to the principle of confidentiality. The Commission will not destroy any records without the prior approval of the GRS.

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Reply Serial No.

S-ICAC003

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO ORAL QUESTION

(Question Serial No. SV010)

<u>Head</u>: (72) Independent Commission Against Corruption

Subhead(No. & title): Not Specified

<u>Programme</u>: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Simon YL PEH

Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

<u>Director of Bureau:</u> Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Question:

Pursuant to the reply ICAC013, the Administration is requested to provide detailed breakdown of ICAC Administration Branch's General Departmental Expenses in 2012-13, and to explain the reasons for the sharp increase as compared with 2011-12.

Asked by: Hon. Dennis KWOK

Reply:

The total General Departmental Expenses (GDE) incurred by the Administration Branch in 2012-13 came to \$2,483,671, of which \$508,905 was incurred to cover various administrative support expenditures. The remaining sum of \$1,974,766 was incurred by the Centre of Anti-Corruption Studies (CACS), a breakdown of the expenditure is as follows:

Expenditure Item	GDE
Research Projects ¹	1,228,081
Seminar ²	558,239
Purchase of Books, Subscription of Journals and Electronic Databases	113,622
Other Office Expenses	74,824

¹ Including three research studies on anti-corruption legislation and work of the ICAC undertaken by three local universities.

² Seminar on "The Development and Management of Anti-Corruption Systems in Hong Kong and Mainland China" held from 28 February to 2 March 2013.